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In re Application of)
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Title: ROLLER PROVIDED FOR USE)
IN COATING MACHINES)

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be made of record in the present application.

A copy of each of these documents can be found in the parent application, i.e., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/763,032.

Patent Document No. DE 198 00 955 A1 is discussed in the specification of the present application.

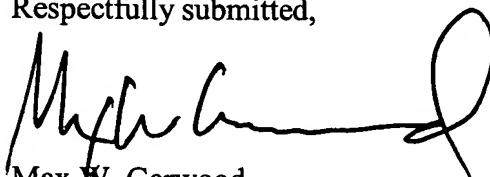
German Document No. DE 40 22 334 C2 discloses a method for the operation of an applicator device for paper or cardboard, designed to operate with a coating medium which is formulated on a pigment basis or starch, comprising a coating roll consisting of a core and shell, whereby the core is constructed of metal, preferably steel and the shell is constructed of a rubber or caoutchouc elastic material characterized in that in order to avoid water penetration between the core and the shell, the metallic core (1) is heated to a temperature of 0.1 to 50°K higher - at least in the area of the transitional surface to the shell (2) - than the shell which is heated by the coating medium.

German Document No. DE 197 14 645 A1 relates to a roll installed in a device for coating a material web (13) specifically a paper or cardboard web, whereby the roll will be in the form of a compression roll (7, 8), a backing roll (21) or an applicator roll (22). The roll to feature a hollow cylinder supporting body (2) onto whose shell surface a compressible layer (4) of cellular synthetic material having a multitude of pores and a compression module x of less than 100 MPa is applied.

German Document No. DE 691 12 779 T2 discloses a method for coating of rolls in glue presses and coating machinery, whereby an elastic polymer coating is applied onto a roll frame and whereby a polymer or a mixture of polymers is used as the base material for the coating medium and whereby the base material is a thermoplastic or thermosetting synthetic material, caoutchouc, thermoplastic caoutchouc or an elastomer, characterized in that polyurethane elastomer, prepolymer polyetherpolypole or prepolymer polyesterpolypole is utilized as the base material; and that prior to applying the coating medium to the roll frame oxides and/or carbides and/or sulfites are added to the polymer or the polymer mixture in order to improve the wear and tear resistance and the process related characteristics; and that various fillers and additives are added in order to improve the manufacturing related characteristics, whereby the thus created essentially homogeneous coating medium is distributed on the roll frame as an essentially uniform and homogeneous layer.

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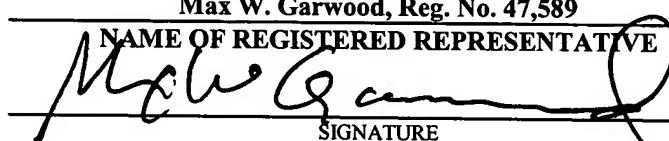
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